the corresponding months of previous year are given below:

Month	Export	Import	Trade Balance
November, 1990	2545	4404	—1859
November, 1991	3588	3879	—291
December, 1990	2874	4160	—1286
December, 1991	4015	4661	—646
January, 1991	3024	4131	—1107
January, 1992	4249	4160	+89
February, 1991	2807	3630	—823
February, 1992	3916	4371	+455
March, 1991	3427	3625	—198
March, 1992	4785	4726	+59
April, 1991	2952	2850	+102
April, 1992	3960	5174	—1214

(b) Several changes in trade policy were introduced since July, 1991 aimed at strengthening export incentives, eliminating a substantial volume of import licensing and rationalising the import tariff structure. Rupee has been made partially convertible to encourage generation of foreign exchange. These have been further consolidated in the new Export Import Policy which, *inter-alia,* aims to promote productivity, modernisation and competitiveness of Indian industry and thereby to enhance its export capabilities.

Export of Sheep and Goat meat

1145. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state the steps being taken or proposed to be taken by Government to increase the export of sheep, goat and buffalo, pork and poultry meat and meat products?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): Steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to increase the export of meat and meat products include inspection of plants processing meat and meat products, issuing of notifications laying down standards for export of raw meat (chilled and frozen) steps for removal of ban imposed by certain countries on import of Indian meat, financial assistance for upgradation/modernisation of slaughter houses, strengthening quality control, establishment of modern integrated slaughter houses and arranging export promotion delegations.

Setting up of Export Promotion Zone at Visakhapatnam

1146. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to set up an Export Promotion Zone in Visakhapatnam;

(b) what is the target date for completion of this project; and

(c) what is the amount allocated for the project, for the current year and how much amount is proposed for the coming year?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government have decided to set up an Export Processing Zone in Visakhapatnam.

(b) The basic internal infrastructure of the first phase of the Zone's development is likely to be completed in the current financial year, subject to availability of funds.

(c) An amount of Rs. 1.29 crores has been provided in the Budget for 1992-93 for construction and development works in the Vizag EPZ. An amount of Rs. 1.84 crores has been tentatively proposed for the coming year 1993-94.

Performance of Export Processing Zones

1147. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of export processing zones functioning at present in the country;

(b) what is the net foreign exchange earned by these zones during the last five years; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to improve the performance of these EXZs?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) The following six Export Processing Zones are functioning at present in the country:—

1. Kandla Free Trade Zone, Gandhidham, Gujarat.

2. Santacurz Electronics Export Processing Zone, Bombay, Maharashtra.

3. Madras Export Processing Zone, Madras, Tamil Nadu.

4. Noida Export Processing Zone, Noida, Uttar Pradesh.

5. Cochin Export Processing Zone, Cochin, Kerala.

6. Falta Export Processing Zone, Falta, West Bengal.

(b) The net foreign exchange earnings by these Zones during the last five years is estimated at Rs. 1295.65 crores.

(c) Suitable policy changes have been effected through a package announced in the Parliament on 13-8-91 and in the Export and Import Policy for 1992—1997.

डंकल प्रस्तावों के संबंध में अर्जुन सिंह समिति

1148. **श्री विनोद शर्मा :** क्या **वाणिज्य** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि डंकल प्रस्तावों पर विचार करने के लिए अभी हाल ही में श्री अर्जुन सिंह की अध्यक्षता में एक समिति का गठन किया गया था;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह भी सच है कि समिति ने सरकार को एक दस्तावेज प्रस्तुत किया है, जिसमें कुछ सुझाव अन्तर्विष्ट है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो इसकी मुख्य-मुख्य बातें क्या है और क्या सरकार उक्त दस्तावेज पर संसद् में एक विस्तृत चर्चा करने का विचार रखती है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो कब तक ?

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री सलमान खुर्शीद) : (क) से (घ) मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री की अध्यक्षता में मंत्रियों के दल ने गाट के महानिदेशक के सुलह प्रस्तावों पर अर्थशास्त्रियों, विचार वेत्ताओं तथा राजनीतिक पार्टियों के प्रतिनिधियों सहित जनता के विभिन्न वर्गों के साथ परामर्श किया । मंत्रियों के दल ने सिफारिश की कि संसद को सम्पूर्ण मुद्दे पर विचार करने का अवसर दिया जाना चाहिए । सरकार ने महानिदेशक गाट के प्रस्तावों पर वर्तमान सत्र में विचार करने का अनुरोध किया है ।